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**Subject:** Fw: E Squared - Update from Craig C  
**Date:** 12/22/2008 04:57 PM

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Gregg - FYI, Nicole and I are aware of this situation and we are working with Luis so things do NOT spin out of control. Dan H called me today as well and stated all the points that Christina made in her email. Based on a conversation that I had with Luis last week and assurances that I got from him in this matter, I told Dan the following:

1. EPA would NOT issue a TASC or a CARE grant to Chris Rowe's group only. *[FYI, as I understand it, CARE is an EPA grant program whereby community groups can get up to \$150k for independent technical assessments including soil sampling.]*
2. EPA would NOT issue a TASC or a CARE grant to any one single *existing* group associated with the SSFL site.
3. EPA (via Luis) is in the process of conducting capacity building and assessments to see if a *unified* community group could be formed for purposes of TASC or CARE.

Dan stated that a direct grant or TASC to Chris's group would be very disruptive and that EPA's interests would not be well served by getting in the middle of a community battle. I assured him that EPA had no interest in upsetting an already sensitive situation in the SSFL community but we are only seeking ways to unify the community for purposes of providing technical services under TASC or CARE. Dan seemed relatively calm...at least at this point.

I have advised Luis to contact Christina and Dan directly and clarify his goals and provide the assurances that are needed to avoid further concern among these key parties.

Luis has agreed to send Nicole and I regular updates on this issue as he proceeds.

Thanks,  
Craig

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Subject Re: E Squared

We contacted EPA about the CARE grant and were told that because we weren't a superfund we couldn't apply but that my request would remain on file. Now I am told that Chris Rowe has applied on behalf of the community. As you are aware, Ms Rowe is at odds with the community (as far as those of use who have been deeply involved for many years) and we had hoped to receive support from EPA through this program. It is my understanding that only one award will be given and since my inquiry was more than six months ago, I feel we should be equally considered. Please contact me as soon as feasible to discuss this issue and process our request expediently, as we have worked very hard to bring education to the community for many years and now find ourselves at odds with process.

I look forward to hearing from you very soon.  
Thank you and happy holidays,  
Christina Walsh

On Dec 18, 2008, at 4:25 PM, Garcia-Bakarich.Luis@epamail.epa.gov wrote:

>  
> Good afternoon,  
>  
> I understand that you are involved with the happenings at SSFL and may  
> also be interested in technical assistance. I would like to make sure  
> you were aware that a request for TASC services has come in to me,  
> and I  
> hope to hold a capacity building meeting after the new year to  
> identify  
> common interests and develop a schedule of priorities.  
>  
> I also wanted to raise your awareness of other potential opportunities  
> that are available through the CARE grant.  
>  
> I will be out on vacation for the next three weeks and when I return I  
> would like to begin coordinating everyone's interests.

> Sincerely,

> Luis

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Subject

Re: E Squared(Document link: Luis  
Garcia-Bakarich)



>  
> I am sorry that I did not have a chance to speak to you last night.  
> As a  
> Board member of the West Hills Neighborhood Council, and a member of  
> its  
> subcommittee on the Santa Susana Field Lab, we as a Board address the  
> SSFL and the peripheral properties at least twice a month - for  
> several  
> years.  
>  
> I am a new Board member, and my first task was to get some Board  
> members  
> up to the SSFL for a complete site tour. A presentation was done by  
> Boeing, NASA, and the DOE.  
>  
> I used to play the role of a community member from West Hills until I  
> was asked in July of this year to join the Board because of my  
> involvement in the SSFL and other issues.  
>  
> We are planning a Town Hall on March 14, and the agenda is not yet  
> established.  
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> One of my goals is to allay the fears of the community that are told  
> that all of their cancers are coming from the SSFL today.  
>  
> Gregg Dempsey actually told me last night that when people ask if it  
> is  
> safe to live there - within two miles of the lab, he says it is ok.  
>  
> I believe that you spoke to my Co Chair for the Town Hall - Joanne  
> Yvanek - Garb.  
>  
> What we would want from E squared is a study about the health risks  
> from  
> the SRE to the community today. We would also need scientists to  
> interpret data so that we can be sure as a Board that our West Hills  
> community is not being impacted by the winds or the runoff from the  
> SSFL  
> site today. We also need to find out about Dayton Canyon which is in  
> West Hills, and had high levels of perchlorates and some radionuclides  
> there in the past.  
>  
> Thank you.  
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